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SUBJ: UNESCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES CONCERNING
EDUCATION (CATEGORIES I, II AND IV) DURING
REMAINDER 1978.

1. UNESCO WILL CONVENE FOUR INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFER-
ENCES CONCERNING EDUCATION IN REMAINDER OF 1978.
PRELIMINARY ANALYSES AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EACH
CONFERENCE FOLLOW:

A) INTERIM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL EDUCA-
TION AND SPORT, CATEGORY II, 23-30 MAY, PARIS. THIS
SECOND SESSION OF THE ICPES WILL MAKE AT LEAST THREE
IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE:

(1) FORM AND CONTENT OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER ON PHYSICAL
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EDUCATION AND SPORT; (2) NEXT STEPS IN UNESCO'S ROLE
CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, AND (3)
GUIDELINES FOR AND ACTIVITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN UNESCO'S
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS PROGRAM. U.S. WILL NEED A
STRONG DELEGATION TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITIONS ON
(1) AND (2). AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARIAT AND
OTHER PERMDELS/MINISTRY OFFICIALS (FRG, NETHERLANDS,

NIGERIA, FRANCE), PERMDEL FEELS IT IS IN U.S. BEST INTEREST TO MAINTAIN DELEGATION CONTINUITY FROM FIRST SESSION TO CAPITALIZE ON PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RAPPORT ESTABLISHED WITH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (CUBA) AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS. DELEGATION TO FIRST SESSION WAS EFFECTIVE IN INFLUENCING THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATIVES TO EXERCISE MODERATION ON (2) AND IN INFLUENCING PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS ON FORM AND CONTENT OF (1). THESE ISSUES WILL BE AMONG THE MOST POLITICAL OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS AT 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE. IN ADDITION, U.S. MUST CONTINUE TO PROVIDE WELL QUALIFIED AND TACTFUL LEADERSHIP IF IT IS TO BE NOMINATED BY THE WESTERN CAUCUS AND ELECTED TO THE PERMANENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE AT 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE. THEREFORE, PERMDEL RECOMMENDS AT MINIMUM HEAD OF DELEGATION AND MCNEELY (ELECTED AS RAPPORTEUR TO THE COMMITTEE) BE DESIGNATED TO DELEGATION FOR SECOND SESSION. ADDITION OF LAWTON (IO/UNESCO) WOULD BE ASSET.

B) INT'L CONFERENCE OF STATES TO ADOPT A CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF STUDIES, DIPLOMAS, AND DEGREES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE ARAB STATES, CATEGORY I, L9-23 JUNE, ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS DISCUSSION AT THE PREPARATORY EXPERTS MEETING IN RABAT (JAN 1978) THAT LACK OF CONSENSUS MIGHT CAUSE POSTPONEMENT OF THIS CONFERENCE, UNESCO SECRETARIAT IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS SCHEDULED. SECRETARIAT HAS SUGGESTED THAT US SHOULD DEMONSTRATE ITS INTEREST AND SUPPORT BY SENDING AN OBSERVER DELEGATION. PERMDEL CONCURS AND RECOMMENDS THAT US SEND TWO-PERSON OBSERVER DELEGATION AS IT DID IN CASE OF CONVENTION FOR MEDITERRANEAN STATES IN DEC 1976. IT FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT CONTINUITY AND EFFECTIVENESS BE MAINTAINED BY SENDING TO THE CONFERENCE A DELEGATION COMPOSED OF THE TWO US REPRESENTATIVES TO THE RABAT EXPERTS' PREPARATORY MEETING. UNESCO REPORTS THEY WERE WELL RECEIVED.

C) FOURTH REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF EDUCATION AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING IN MEMBER STATES OF ASIA AND OCEANIA, CATEGORY II, 24 JULY TO 1 AUGUST, COLOMBO. THESE REGIONAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCES HELD IN A DIFFERENT REGION EACH YEAR ARE THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT POLICY FORMULATION MEETINGS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE) CONCERNING UNESCO'S EDUCATION PROGRAM. IT IS HERE THAT THE MINISTERS SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE DG AND FORMULATE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH MAP THE COURSE OF UNESCO'S PROGRAM. IF THE US IS TO BE INFLUENTIAL IN SHAPING UNESCO'S

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN GENERAL, IT MUST BE WELL INFORMED
ON THE THINKING, DIRECTIONS, AND BEHIND-THE-SCENES
STRATEGIES THAT OCCUR AT THESE REGIONAL MINISTERS' MEET-
INGS. IN ADDITION, REGIONAL MEMBER STATES GENERALLY WANT
THE US TO MANIFEST INTEREST (NOT ADVICE) IN THEIR CONF-
ERENCE, PROBLEMS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS. SECRETARIAT
AND HIGH LEVEL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS OF ASIAN
STATES (INDIA, MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES) HAVE
VOICED THEIR HOPE THAT US WILL SEND A STRONG PROFESSIONAL
REPEAT PROFESSIONAL OBSERVER DELEGATION. IN ADDITION TO
PRESENCE, AND BEING WELL INFORMED, US SHOULD USE THESE
CONFERENCES TO DEVELOP CONTACTS FOR INFLUENCING POLICY,
PROCEDURES AND DECISIONS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE. THERE-
FORE PERMDEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT US SEND SMALL,
PROFESSIONAL OBSERVER DELEGATION TO THIS CONFERENCE.
PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT DELEGATION AT MINIMUM CONSIST OF
ONE HIGH LEVEL USOE OFFICIAL AND PERMDEL EDUCATION
ATTACHE (ESSENTIAL FOR CONTACTS AT CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW-
UP WITH ASIAN PERMDELS AT UNESCO AND AT GENERAL CONFER-
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ENCE). ASSIGNMENT OF LOCAL AMEMBASSY OFFICER TO JOIN THIS DELEGATION WOULD BE HELPFUL, BUT SHOULD NOT REPLACE PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION.

D) INT'L CONGRESS ON TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL, CATEGORY IV, 12-16 SEPT, VIENNA. UNESCO SECRETARIAT AND GOA EXPECT UP TO 500 PARTICIPANTS. GOA IS GIVING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO SECURITY. EMOTIONAL DEBATES ON KEY ISSUES ARE EXPECTED. THROUGH PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH UNESCO SECRETARIAT, PERMDEL HAS LEARNED THAT UNESCO HAS SOME CONCERNS IN LIGHT OF APPARENT FAILURE TO COME TO SOME CONSTRUCTIVE ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

2. WHEN MORE IS LEARNED, DETAILS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE TELEGRAM.
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